UNITED STATES FLEET ON WAY TO BLOCKADE ALL PORTS OF MEXICO

Fleet Due on Historic Date.

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- A historical coincidence was discovered here to-day in that the Atlantic fleet is due to reach Tampico on the sixteenth anniversary of the declaration of war between Spain and the United States on April 21, 1898.

The Spanish war was actually declared by passage of a joint resolution in Congress on April 23, but the declaration was antedated to be in effect on April 21, Congress declaring that war had existed since the 21st, when President McKinley's ultimatum to Spain was rejected.

It was also noted that the revolutionary war began on April 19, the Mexican war on April 24 and the civil war on April 14.

have been sent to meet this series of deliberate insults and to force a proper respect for the American flag and the American uniform.

Up to a late hour to-night the State Department had received no intimation that President Huerta intended to reconsider his refusal to meet the American demand.

A report reached Washington through unofficial channels that Huerta was about to call the national legislature together at Mexico city for the purpose of submitting the question to it as to whether or not he should yield to the demand for a salute. Such a course would obviously relieve Huerta of considerable individual responsibility and would result in making the episode more completely a national affair.

So far as Washington is concerned, however, Huerta's statement that the incident is closed has been accepted and no further diplomatic effort will be made to obtain a reconsideration. From now on the warships will speak for the United States Government and Huerta will be left to interpret the acts of the Washington Administration in his ow

As yet no ultimatum has been delivered to Huerta fixing a time Hmit' in which the United States will expect favorable action by him. but if he has not signified his inthe American fleet arrives in the ports and seize them.

less of party, was indicated to-day. The President's disclosures of his plans to members of Congress led to an immedi-

Under the general plan as understood here now, the United States in seizing ports and custom houses in Mexico will merely do this as a means of seeking reparation for an insult and probably faction has been given.

when President Wilson went into confereign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. At these conferences were Senator Shively, acting chairman of the Senate committee, and Senator Lodge, ranking Republican on the committee: Chairman Flood of the corresponding House committee and Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, ranking Republican.

The President took these men completely into his canfidence as to the events which into his confidence as to the events which led up to the sending of the fleet to the Gulf and the purposes of the Administra-tion, so far as these are formulated. It was at this conference that the President first disclosed that it was not the Tampico incident alone that precipitated this Gov-

ernment's warlike move, but that other insults of a studied character had been inflicted upon the United States.

The President informed the committee The President informed the committee of his intention to seek the approval of Cengress before ordering the actual commencement of hostilities, if this becomes necessary. He advised his visitors to connecessary. their colleagues on the Congressional com-mittees so that in the event the necessity

arises so that in the event the necessity arises for action by Congress no considerable delay will grow out of the need for information on the part of Congress.

The President informed his callers that he did not contemplate taking a final step until Admiral Badger has arrived off Tampico, which will be early next week. If by that time Huerta has failed to yield to this Government's demand the President to this Government's demand the President will deliver an address to Congress calling on the legislative branch for authorization to utilize the fleet to force reparation from the Mexican Government. In this address he will outline his reasons for demanding the salute to the

Approve President's Decision.

The members of the Congressional committees expressed their cordial approval of the President's decision to let Congress share the responsibility for what might be an act of war, although they agreed with him that the employment of force, either by landing of marines at Tampico and Vera Cruz or the blockade of Mexican ports, could properly be undertaken by the President under his constitutional power. With Congress in session, how-ever, it was deemed preferable that the President obtain legislative sanction.

The President let it be known that the only contingency in which warlike measures might be taken without consulting would be the committing of some overt act on the part of Mexico that would demand immediate action. The President disclosed that he has

The President disclosed that he has not fully made up his mind on the details of the plan to be followed if the salute to the American colors is finally refused at the expiration of a week. Probably the first step would be the blockade of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the seizure of the ports. These ports may be taken without an actual engagement and in that event their occupation will probably be accompanied by a declaration that the following points have been very much delivered by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much developed by the following points have been very much develope American forces will withdraw as soon as reparation is made for the insult. However, the President had not reached

whaleboat to buy provisions, while others remained in the boat. Those who went ashore were arrested, but later Mexican soldiers took into custody those who had remained in the boat and who technically were on American soil and under the protection of the flag.

that an orderly from the fleet of the United States was picked out from the many persons who are constantly going ashore on various errands from the many warships in the harbor, representing several nations.

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Believe Sanction of Congress Is Not Needed for Blockade

Washington Experts Cite Many Precedents for Action by Atlantic Fleet at Tampico and Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- While realiz- | ful blockade is tantamount to a commerweek steps will immediately be likely to lead to war, authorities here contaken to blockade the important tended to-day that the slope of services being necessitated. I esident Wilson, however, has no intention of acting edents to show that the plan of campaign now contemplated in Mexico would not in itself constitute a declaration of war. The now contemplated in Mexico would not in Before any act of this character is itself constitute a declaration of war. The undertaken, however, President Wilson fear is, however, that in any blockade or will appear before Congress and ask for seizure of Mexican ports there will be egislative sanction. That he will have shots fired and blood shed, leading inevithe hearty support of Congress regard- tably to an open declaration of hostilities.

were busy to-day looking up so-called ate favorable response from the na- precedents for the programme about to be inaugurated by this Government

It has often happened that a powerful nation has found itself compelled when dealing with a weak yet belicose country to go to the length of shutting off were withdrawn. with a declaration in advance that the the ports of that nation from intercourse orts will be relinquished when satis. of any sort with the outside world without open display of hostility except the Wilson Sees Committee Members.
The first of to-day's developments came when President Wilson went into confersing Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. At these conferences in Foreign Affairs, at these conferences in Foreign Affairs, at these conferences of a commanding force. Further declared a peaceful the vessels in the harbor.

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sanction to a "peaceful blockade" of the ports of Mexico in the present juncture is questioned in Washington. At the ports of Mexico in the present juncture is questioned in Washington. At the same time it is also questioned whether it will be necessary for Congress to authorize the landing of marines. Precedents disclose that a peaceful blockade has usually been effected solely for the purpose of redress for injuries, and in recent times has frequently been employed where at an earlier period of history there would have been actual war. Also peaceful blockades have affected only the commercial intercourse of the States tory there would have been actual war. Also peaceful blockades have affected only the commercial intercourse of the States

the question without the consect of Con-

tecting American property it the vicinity of Tampico. Regarding the landing of marines it was pointed out that American marines have been landed in many cases recently without Congressional actio The seizure of a custom house has often been resorted to as a means of obtaining

It is cited that in 1895 British forces were landed in Nicaragua and occupied the custom house at Corinto for a period of ten days, whereupon an agreement hav-

War After French Blockade.

this case the injury was inflicted upon an American corporation near Greytown by damage to its property and Minister Borland, who assisted an American ship

the commercial intercourse of the States immediately concerned.

It is the contention of many international lawyers that inasmuch as a peace-

rest at Tampico were false in many respects. He said the American bluejackets landed at a point represented by Mexicans to be "prohibited territory." Some of them disembarked from the Dolphin's whaleheat to have received the said that an orderly from the fleet of the that an orderly from the fleet

tection of the flag.

The whaleboat at the time was flying the national colors and it is this feature of the episode which is regarded practically as an affront to the Stars and Stripes. On the way to the jail the arrows of the telegraph office at Mexico city presumed to withhold an official despatch of the Government of the United States to its embassy at Mexico city until Stripes. On the way to the jail the arrows of the telegraph office at Mexico city presumed to withhold an official despatch of the Government of the United States to its embassy at Mexico city until strong and his permission received to deliver to rested party was met by another Mexican officer, superior to the one who had taken the bluejackets into custody. The superior officer commanded the turnabout to the point where the arrest had taken place.

Drastic Action Certain. had been sent him which he had not re-

The President said that Admiral Mayo immediately demanded an apology, the punishment of the officer who made the arrest and a salute of twenty-one guns to the American flag. The apology has been extended. The offending officer has not been punished. The salute has not been given.

The President informed the committee members that he is still very hopeful that the demands of this Government will be compiled with by Huerta following the approach of the Atlantic fieet. But he approach of the Atlantic fieet. But he approach of the Atlantic fieet and the committee or to ask for apologies.

"These repeated offences against the rights and dignity of the United States, offences not duplicated in regard to the pity.

Foreign Governments Notified.

"The authorities of the State Department feel confident that when the serious-ness and the cumulative effect of these incident at Tampico must not be thought of alone.

Two New Insults Disclosed.

The President discussed in detail three face applications which have resulted in his determination to compel the Government of Mexico has separently made no attempt at either reparation or the effective for a pology. These were the arrest of amail orderly at Vera Cruz and the holding of an official despatch to Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy at Mexico city.

The President told his visitors that he was informed that the representations made by Huerta with regard to the arrest of a made by Huerta with regard to the arrest of a made by Huerta with regard to the arrest of a made on the fights of the United States in the harbor of Vera Cruz who had been sent ashore to the post office for the ships made by Huerta with regard to the arrest of a made on his back, was arrested and the cumulative effect to the Government will see the propriety and the covident to the Government will see the propriety and the necessity of giving to such evidences of its desire to repudiate and correct these things as will be not only satisfactory to the Government of the United States was involved and has apparently made no attempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious derelictions of itempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious derelictions of itempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious derelictions of itempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the existing the correction of the way to a review of the world of an entire change the propriety and the necessity of giving ment of Mexico that Government will see the propriety and the necessity of giving the correct these things as will be not office the set of its desire to repudiate the findences of its desire to repudiate and correct these things as will be not office the world of an entire change of a stitude. There can be no loss to the fullent degree the propriety and the cumulative effect of giving ment of Mexico th

LINER UNDER U.S. ORDERS.

The Esperanza Will Probably Proceed to Galveston. Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN

VERA CRUZ, April 15 .- The cargo loaded aboard the Ward liner Esperanza to-day for her trip to Havana and New the American flect arrives in the ing that the blockade of Mexican ports cial embargo the executive branch of the York was taken ashore within a couple of ginning of the naval operations designed for to enforce the demand of the United of the York was taken ashore within a couple of ginning of the naval operations designed Galveston under orders from the Wash- States for a salute to the Stars and ington Government.

> however, that the liner will be retained as cific fleet already there. a refugee ship for Americans desiring to leave Tampico

TACOMA SAILS FROM BOSTON.

Will Take Coal Passers and Torpedoes to Tampico.

Bosron, April 15 .- The United States cruiser Tacoma sailed at 1 P. M. to-day for Mexico and got a royal sendoff from In 1838 France declared a peaceful the vessels in the harbor.

Newport to Tampico with all despatch

FEDERALS LOST 3,500 IN FIGHT, SAYS VILLA

General Accuses Huerta Commander of Great Cruelty at San Pedro.

Et. Paso, April 15 .- Pancho Villa now holds the entire laguna district surround-ing Torreon, which he has freed of Fed-erals, according to his report wired to the

via Hidalgo, Romero, Mariano Ruiz, Arturo Alvarez, Monasterio Batiz, Paliza, Aguirre Cardenas, Corrales, Campa, Argumedo, Andres Maza and others. In their precipitate flight they abandoned many trains, much railroad repair ma-terial, eleven cannon, hundreds of hand terial, eleven cannon, hundreds or name bombs, wagons and munitions, ambulances

bombs, wagons and munitions, ambulances bombs, wagons and munitions, ambulances and many others of their supplies. "Before leaving they forced all the fami-lies to assemble in the plaza and then set fire to the Hotel Mexico, Hotel Mercado a large warehouse called "Las Amafire to the Hotel Mexico. Hotel Mercado and a large warehouse called "Las Amazonas," besides burning all the properties of the Maderos. I cannot calculate the losses caused by this barbarous act. Fortunately they did not succeed in burning all of the city because we were in time to impede the progress of the flames. According to the most reliable information the Federals are fleeing in the worst disorder and are in bad condition.

"All the inhabitants, both rich and poor, have suffered greatly for ten days for lack

ments to call attention to such matters or to ask for apologies.

"These repeated offences against the rights and dignity of the United States, offences not duplicated in regard to the representatives of other Governments, have necessarily made the impression that the Government of the United States was "Flaxwisco Villa".

O'SHAUGHNESSY HUERTA'S GUEST American Charge d'Affaires Attends Review With Dictator.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ernments to which they are accredited of the attitude of the United States toward Mexico. He said that the information to be conveyed related simply to the ordering of the fiest south and the incidents that led up to this movement. Badger Leaves Hampton Roads With First Division of With First Division of Fleet As early as 7:30 o'clock Admiral Badger had a conference with the commanders aboard the flagship. Rear Admiral Bradley Fiske, who arrived here to-day, attended the conference, delivering sealed orders from the Navy Department.

and Auxiliary Ships Rushed to Western Coast.

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- The actual be-Stripes at Tampico was made to-day at noon, when eight warships steamed out WASHINGTON, April 15.—The news that of Hampton Roads and headed for the the foreigners at Tampico who had sought Gulf. At the same time or ers were berefuge on the Esperanza had returned to ing issued to three cruisers, one transthat city was received with special interest port and two colliers to proceed as speedas indicating a return of confidence on the lily as possible to the west coast of Mexico part of the refugees. It was announced, and reenforce the six vessels of the Pa-

News of the departure of the first division of the ships of the Atlantic fleet ordered to Mexico yesterday was received by Secretary Daniels in a radiogram from Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, commander in chief of the fleet. early this afternoon. Admiral Badger's

chief of the fleet. The flotilia is com-manded by Lieutenant Commander Ed-ward H. Dodd.

The ships at ports on the west coas; already are the cruisers California, flag-ship of Admiral Howard; Raleigh, New Orleans, Yorktown, the gunboat Annapo-

lis and the supply ship Glacier.

Secretary Daniels gave out this statement in regard to the movements ordered on the west coast:

"The Secretary of the Navy telegraphed to Admiral Howard, in command of the Pacific fleet, that the ships in Mexican waters on the west coast would be increased in number. The Pittsburg powers and the processed in number. The Pittsburg powers and the processed in number. erais, according to his report wired to the border at Juarez to-day.

Additional facts regarding the taking of that an orderly from the fleet of the United States was picked out from the many persons who are constantly going ashore on various errands from the many varships in the harbor, representing sevral nations.

"Most serious of all, the officials in harge of the telegraph office at Mexico ity presumed to withhold an official espate of the Government of the United States to its embassy at Many and the under the Government of the United States of the Government of the Hampton Roads at Transport Sound, will transport Sound, will transport Sound, will transport Sound, will transport Sound mumber. The Pittsburg. The Pittsburg.

Island, will proceed to Mexican waters.

"The Cleveland is under orders to proceed from Mare Island to Mazatlan, and will be followed shortly by the Chattanooga.

"There was much excitement among the landlubbers, who cheered themselves hoarse and waved their hats as the battleships lifted anchors and steamed away.

"The torpedo flotilla of the Pacific

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The torpedo flotilla of the Pacific fleet, consisting of five destroyers and a tender at San Pedro, Cal., was ordered to stand by to sail at the direction of Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, commander in chief of the fleet. The flotilla is com-

Saturn will soon leave San Francisco for Mexican waters." to get away yesterday from her anchorage the Secretary gave out the following the Becretary gave out the following the Borth River because she lacked by fleet now in west coast waters, the ports more than fifty her complement of blue at which they lie and the Captains of jackets.

CAPT. T.S. RODGERS
of the NEW YORK

at which they lie and the Captains of the respective vessels:

Raleigh, Mazatlan, Magruder: New Orleans, Topolobampo, Irwin: Yorktown, Topolobampo, Bradshaw; Glacier, Acapulco, Tozer: California, Acapulco, McCully: Annapolis, Mazatlan, Ziegemeier, Cully: Annapolis, Mazatlan, Ziegemeier, The appared cruiser Pittsburg is going Cully: Annapolis, Mazatlan, Ziegemeier, The armored cruiser Pittsburg is going into reserve. Her erew will be utilized to man the cruisers Cleveland and Chattanooga. The Cleveland has been ordered to proceed to Mazatlan. The Chattanooga will be ready for active service in about two weeks.

The three ports at which the American warshing are anchored are now in posses-

warships are anchored are now in posses-sion of the Federal forces, although the possession of Topolobampo is constantly being contested by the rebe's and on two message follows:

"Secretary of the Navy: Arkansas,
Vermont, New Jersey, New Hampshire,
Yankton, Sonoma, Orion, Ontario departed Hampton Roads for Tampico 12
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burg, which will bear a regiment of ma-rines; the transport Buffalo and the col-P. M., Tuesday, that at Tampico there are no new developments nd that the Constitutionalists have left the vicinity, and further that the refugees have re-turned and business is being resumed. He also reports that the Progreso and Zara-gosa, Mexican gunboats, left Tampico to-day and that under present conditions the Esperanza. Ward liner, will not be needed to accommodate refugees."

SQUADRON LEAVES THE ROADS.

Five Warships Will Cast Anchors in Tampico Bay by Tuesday.

NORFOLK, Va., April 15 .- The battle ships Arkansas, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont and the gunboat Yank-

The crews aboard the ships had no time Gest, with their tender, the Iris, which for cheers. As the squadron got under are at San Pedro, Cal, have been ordered to stand by, waiting orders to any Mexican port to which Admiral Howard may busy putting the finishing touches to their order them.
"The collier Jupiter and the collier Rear Admiral Badger, commander of

the best sellers.

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April 15 .- This ship, with Rear Ad-

miral Badger on board, was leading the battleship fleet off Cape Hatteras

at midnight. The fleet is proceeding

at eleven and a half knots an hour

and is due at Tampico Wednesday

The South Carolina and the Michi-

gan are expected to join the fleet

in the Florida straits. The North

Dakota and the Louisiana are followed

by the colliers, tugs and supply ships. The naval movement is the biggest

Every ship and man is absolutely prepared for any duty at Tampico.

the Atlantic fleet, in charge of the mobili

ship.

An earlier start would have been made but for the delay in loading the New Hampshire. She was not ready for the journey until after 11 o'clock and then she steamed from the Porthsmouth Navy Yard past Old Point Comfort to Lynnhaven Bay, where she found that her sister ships, the Arkansas, Vermont and New Jersey, were already in motion, slowly drifting on their way to the open sea.

It was not, however, until the battlaships were nearing the eastern end of the roads that the travel line was estab-

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with the New Hampshire next, followed by the New Jersey and the Vermont, with the Yankton bringing up the rear, headed for the sea.

There was much disappointment amon

There was much disappointment among the bluejackets on shore leave who were not rounded up in time to reach their ships before the journey began. All through the night boatswains' crews pried into the haunts of saliors ashore for the final roundup, but were unable to fill many gaps. The places of many were filled by men in the naval training station. Rear Admiral Badger's order to his Captains this morning was, "Reach Tampico by Tuesday."

As early as 7:30 o'clock Admiral

LOUISIANA SAILS TO-DAY.

Unable to Clear Yesterday Because

of Absence of Bluejackets.

to get away yesterday from her anchorage

MICHIGAN HAS BAD START

Battleship Crashes Into Pier When

Leaving Philadelphia Navy Yard.

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